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RE: Keep the AB 32 Scoping Plan Strong!

Dear Chairperson Nichols,

I greatly appreciate your leadership in creating a far-reaching and visionary draft plan for reducing the pollution that causes global warming in California. The draft plan is the furthest step any state has taken to put the brakes on global warming.

I especially commend you for clearly recommending that a third of our state's electricity come from clean, renewable sources like solar and wind power. More renewable energy enhances California's potential to lead the country in new, clean energy jobs and technologies.

It is extremely important that the final plan is as strong as possible, holding polluters fully accountable. I urge you to carefully limit the amount and types of "offsets" that would be allowed. A strong plan will ensure that polluters can't just buy their way into compliance with promises of emissions reductions—promises that look good on paper but often fail to come to pass in the real world. Reliance on too many offsets is bad for business, bad for the economy, and bad for the long-term health of our environment.

I also urge you to avoid rewarding big polluters with free pollution permits. A strong plan will level the playing field by requiring polluters to pay for the global warming pollution they create.

As you know, California's plan for cleaning up the pollution that causes global warming will be a model for the rest of the country and the world. Please make sure that there aren't any delays in implementing the landmark AB 32 law and that the final plan is strong and effective and holds polluters fully accountable. I will join millions of concerned California residents, taxpayers and voters in continuing to closely follow your actions in this vital matter.

